

## **Montol Festival 2011 - Press Release**

The spectacular Penzance Midwinter festival opens this year with the Montol Ceilidh to be held at The Magpies Football Clubhouse on Friday the 9th of December with local band 'Smash the Windows'

This will be the fifth year of Montol, and is expected to be even busier than last year. Though a newly created event it has Cornish traditions at its heart that until recently were largely forgotten. It was through research done by local historian Simon Reed, former Chairman of the festival, that so many of these important local traditions are being revived. This mixture of the old and the new has created a vibrant festival that is quickly becoming an important tradition in the local and Cornish calendar.

The event, which celebrates the Midwinter Solstice, takes place on the night of Wednesday the 21st of December and starts with a 6pm lantern procession, the 'Rivers of Fire' with the Turkey Rhubarb Guise Band leading the way from St Johns Hall up to the Lescudjack Hill-fort.

The public are invited to join in the parade but dressing up is essential - 'Tatters' or 'Mock Posh' and masks - Venetian style...